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Ing. Pedro P. Bonilla, P.
**President of the Administrative Council
 of the National District
 Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic**

Dear Mr. Bonilla:

In Mr. Dulles' absence from Washington, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of August 7, 1959, addressed to Mr. Dulles, in which you state that the Administrative Council of the National District has given the name of John Foster Dulles to one of the avenues in Ciudad Trujillo.

I am certain that this manifestation, designed to honor the memory of the late Secretary of State, will be received by the members of his family with appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Dulles

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DR. R. L. MOLINA

**Ciudad Trujillo,
7th August, 1959.**

The Hon. Allen W. Dulles,
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that on the 16th July last, the Administrative Council of the National District voted unanimously in favor of Resolution No. 659/59, by which an avenue in this, the oldest American capital, was given the name of your illustrious brother, the late John Foster Dulles, as worthy homage to his memory and to his glories as a statesman and internationalist, consecrated to maintaining those sound principles which should govern relations between the peoples of this Continent and of the world.

The Resolution approved by the Council is still further enhanced by the fact that it was voted upon as a result of a happy suggestion made by His Excellency, Generalissimo Dr. Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina, Benefactor of the Nation and Father of the New Nation, in a dedication of undeniable literary merit, extolling the noble and brave figure of your unforgettable brother.

It gives me great satisfaction to forward you herewith a copy of the letter which His Excellency, Generalissimo Dr. Trujillo Molina addressed to me on the 14th July last, because in it can again be seen the determination of the famous Dominican statesman to honor the memory of illustrious citizens from all parts of the world, who have distinguished themselves by the intensity with which they



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have defended the postulates and Treaties which govern peaceful coexistence between free peoples, based on mutual respect, mutual confidence and hope and faith in a future resulting from these sentiments.

Yours cordially,

Pedro P. Bonilla P.
Ing. Pedro P. Bonilla P.,
President of the Administrative Council
of the National District.

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Ciudad Trujillo,
14th July, 1959.

Mr. Engineer, Pedro P. Bonilla P.,
President of the Administrative Council
of the National District,
Ciudad Trujillo.

Mr. President:

I believe it to be a well-merited act of justice, and through you, I have pleasure in submitting it to the consideration of the Administrative Council, that an important avenue in Ciudad Trujillo be identified with the name of the late Secretary of State of the United States of America, John Foster Dulles.

If Cordell Hull, whose name already honors one of the avenues in this Capital, at a grave moment of crisis in international relations, represented the most outstanding promoter of United States policy at that time and, furthermore, was nobly vinculated with the Dominican Republic in a matter of our diplomacy which I had the honor of directing until achieving the far-reaching revindication of Dominican sovereignty instrumented in the Trujillo-Hull Treaty of 1940, so also did Secretary Dulles, recently deceased, synthesize in the thoughts and magnificent achievements of his diplomatic activities in the service of the United States of America and of the Free World, the will to resist on the part of those people who see in International Communism, the most terrifying threat to world peace.

As this struggle against International Communism, far from having ceased, is becoming every day more necessarily imperative, I think it only right that the nations of the Free World should maintain permanently alive in their minds the examples given by those people who, like Secretary Dulles, dedicated their lives with singular clear-sightedness, with absolute determination and with wisdom and prudence to the task of denouncing and

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combatting the onset of International Communism on all world fronts.

A people and a Government like those of the Dominican Republic, who have made of their national and international politics a permanent fight against that mortal enemy of the freedom and sovereignty of nations, and who in the said fight, have not limited themselves solely to purely passive measures, but have rather attained positive success through achievements in the fields of economic, social and cultural well-being in behalf of the Dominican people, would be among the first to honor the memory of a statesman of such wisdom, a man who, for his part, knew how justly to appreciate the cooperation always extended by the Government of the Dominican Republic to the Government of the United States of America, in that struggle without quarter or mercy.

I would avail myself of the opportunity to state that, should your Council be disposed to act upon my suggestion, I am prepared to contribute with a statue of Secretary Dulles, which I shall have much pleasure in paying for personally, in order to add to the adornment of the avenue that may be selected.

Thanking your august Council for the consideration it may give to the present letter, I would ask you to accept my kindest regards.

RAFAEL L. TRUJILLO.

(Translation from the Spanish).



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 24, 1959

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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Subject: Avenue in Ciudad Trujillo Named for
John Foster Dulles

With reference to your letter to me of August 13, 1959, concerning a letter to Mr. Dulles from Mr. Pedro P. Bonilla of the Dominican Republic on the above subject, dated August 7, the Department recommends that Mr. Dulles not reply directly to this communication. It is suggested that an acknowledgment be sent to Mr. Bonilla signed by a subordinate officer of CIA. A suggested reply is enclosed for your consideration.

Mr. Bonilla's letter is returned for your files.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.A. Calhoun".

John A. Calhoun
Director
Executive Secretariat

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply to Mr. Bonilla.
2. Letter from Mr. Bonilla to Mr. Dulles,
dated August 7, 1959.

SUGGESTED REPLY

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